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**Testimony in support of CT HB 6519 - An Act Concerning The Labeling of Genetically Engineered Food**

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I am the mother of a young child, a four-year-old girl. She is my responsibility and as her primary caretaker I should be the one to ultimately make choices for her that potentially have an effect on her growth, her development and her health.

Amongst other things, I provide her three meals a day as well as a variety of snacks throughout the day. I support the labeling movement because I have every right to know what is in the food I am feeding her. I want to know what I am putting into that growing body so I can decide whether she will eat it or not. She has a developing body and it should not be treated like a game of roulette.

Labeling allows consumers to make their own informed decisions. Informed decisions are parent's choices, not government choices. It seems as though too many corporations are greasing the palms of the government to allow this. This should not be about money this is about people's lives. Don't take a gamble, label food and allow citizens to make decisions about food on their own. I want a choice as to whether or not to buy genetically altered food. Please do not continue to decide for those of us who want the choice. I feel I have every right to know exactly what I am feeding my family.

Please support this legislation that would require the labeling of GMOs in Connecticut. What harm can it do? Nutritional information is labeled, why is this any different? This IS nutritional information! In my opinion, this does have an impact just as much as nutritional contents. Let me make informed decisions. Please don't continue to make them for me. Ingredients should not be hidden or disguised in any way. By avoiding labeling and with the incredible fight against labeling food, I am concerned manufacturers are hiding something which makes me extremely concerned.

Thank you for listening to concerned citizens on this very important matter. Please let us choose. We deserve that basic right.

Respectfully,

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